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WORKING DRAWINGS AND USE OF THE SEAL

Use of the seal inquiries have been made concerning the Board's interpretations of sealing for "working drawings," "fast track," and "design/build" projects. The Board considers working drawings to be any drawings, sketches, reports, or other work product which is in whole or part intended for use in specific proposals and/or becomes a part of defining the scope of a contract for work, written or verbal, and as such must be sealed by a registrant.

In the context of a construction project (building, roadway, site, processing plant, transmission lines, substations, etc.) working drawings are sketches or drawings intending to communicate work to be performed by contractors or tradesmen, whether said drawings or sketches are wholly or partially complete.

As further clarification, the Board considers that some drawings or sketches are not in the working drawing category when they communicate concepts only and are not to be used for consideration in a machine, process or building project. However, any drawings prepared for the purpose of submittal to regulatory authorities (i.e., codes, fire marshals, etc.) must be sealed by the registrant.

Although it requires considerable effort for the registrant to seal many issues of drawings, the Board feels this is a necessary process to safeguard life, health, and property, as the seal indicates to the public the documents were authored by a properly qualified and certified registrant.

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